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Gudmundur GUNNARSSON et al. : **Confirmation No. 5886**
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of February 9, 2011, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-18 and 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olerud (US 5,780,005) in view of Jas (US 4,537,699) in combination with (1) Bomal et al. (US 5,800,608) or (2) Bomal et al. (US 5,876,494).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner has rejected the claims on the basis of the previously cited references Jas and Olerud, now in combination with the newly cited Bomal et al. references. Thus, the Examiner has now combined **four** references in an effort to allege the obviousness of the present claims. However, Applicants respectfully assert that the cited combination of references fails to render the present invention obvious, as described below.